CALLING ATTENTION *re*: DEATH OF NARAYANA BY SUICIDE IN TUMKUR

Sri B. P. GANGADHAR (Tumkur).—I call the attention of the Minister for Home to the sad death of one Narayana by suicide in Tumkur.

Sri R. M. PATIL.—It is a fact that one Narayana, a Village Level Worker, committed suicide on 6th April 1968 at M. E. S. Quarters in Tumkur Town. A case in Crime No. 75/68 under Section 174 of Cr. P. C. was registered on receipt of complaint by Sri B. P. Gangadhar, Advocate and M.L.A. During the inquest, it was disclosed by the letters left by the deceased that he was disgusted in life due to a series of transfers by the departmental authorities. Copies of letters left by the deceased have been seized during inquest. Reasons for his transfers are being ascertained.

Sri B. P. GANGADHAR.—In the letters it appears, it has been stated that the officials concerned, namely the Assistant Director and others were harassing him to get bribes from the villagers. Is it a fact?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—May I submmit to the House that when the reasons are to be ascertained from another Department, I think I should not venture now to give answer. I have placed before the House whatever I have ascertained in regard to incident concerned.

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Sri B. P. GANGADHAR.—Sir, in that connection I may bring to the notice of this House that union members of the village workers are now subjected to tyranny and hardship and the Assistant Director and others are trying to see that all these persons are scattered from that place because they protested against the action of the officer.

Sri R. M. PATIL.—When the hon. member knows certain information about it, he need not ask for it.

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SECRETARY.—I lay on the Table First List of Unstarred Questions and Answers.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Erecting of Crest Gate to Nagarjuna Sagar.

1. Sri H. PUTTADASA (Sathnur).—

Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it has come to their notice that the Andhra Chief Minister is firm about erecting crest gates in Nagarjuna Sagar;

(*b*) whether they propose to take the question to arbitration or Supreme Court before or after the Crest Gates are erected ;

(*c*) whether the issue will be kept alive even if the question not taken up at appropriate levels before the crest gates work is commenced ?

A.—Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*) Yes. It has been reported so in the Press.

(*b*) Government of India have been requested to refer the issue to Arbitration and to immediately take action to prohibit the erection of crest gates by Andhra Pradesh.

(*c*) The position is already explained in reply to clauses (*b*) above.

New Irrigation Works in Kanakapura Taluk.

2. Sri H. PUTTADASA (Sathnur).—

Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the Sta ge at which each of the following new irrigation works in Kanakapura Taluk stands at present :—

(i) Anchaguli Project ;
(ii) Keralalu Sandra Project ;
(iii) Chikkondanahalli Project and
(iv) Rayasandra Project ;

(*b*) whether works are at Stand still now ;

(*c*) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(*d*) whether they intend to commence these works ;

(*e*) if so, when ?

A.—Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA (Deputy Minister for Minor Irrigation).—

(*a*), (*b*), (*c*), *Vide* Statement 'A' appended.

(*d*) and (*e*) Action would be taken in this behalf after sanction to Revised Estimates.